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SEN. YOUNG DENOUNCES CIA VIETNAM 'ATROCITIES'

Washington Reaction

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(Text) New York--Aleksandr Druzhinin dispatch--(Many of today's) U.S. papers report the sensational disclosures by Democratic Senator Stephen Young of Ohio who denounced atrocities committed by CIA agents in South Vietnam. Senator Young came up with a sensational exposure of the CIA activities. Referring to information obtained from a CIA official whose identity he refused to disclose, the senator declared that the U.S. intelligence service infiltrates a large number of its agents into the NLFV. Their task is not only to collect information but also to carry out subversion. The agents are instructed to commit atrocities among the civilian population of the country in order to discredit the guerrillas and thus deprive them of support of the local population. Senator Young cites as examples recruitment among the South Vietnamese by U.S. agents and their killing of the heads of two villages and engaging in looting and violence.

These sensational disclosures caused a veritable storm in official Washington circles, precipitating a torrent of official denials from the State Department and CIA. Washington officials appeared to be (both enraged) and (confused) to the verge of panic. The State Department expresses apprehension lest Senator Young's disclosures do immeasurable harm to the U.S. reputation abroad. Pressure was brought to bear on the senator to make him retract his statement or at least part of it. (Thus far, however) all attempts to (credit the) senator's statement have apparently failed. In an interview with the New York HERALD TRIBUNE, Senator Young repeated his statement and sharply condemned CIA activities in South Vietnam.

No matter what official Washington says, the willing or unwilling disclosures by Senator Young have again pilloried U.S. policymakers. They have again demonstrated to the world the true face of the aggressor who resorts to terror and violence against civilians in an attempt to (halt) the national liberation struggle of the South Vietnamese people.

Worldwide Subversion

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(Viktor Glazunov commentary)

(Text) Former President Harry Truman once stated that CIA was the symbol of frightful and mysterious intrigues in foreign countries. The entire world has repeatedly witnessed the always frightful, if not always mysterious actions of CIA. Its new action is perhaps the most frightful of all. Stephen Young, member of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee, reported that while in South Vietnam on business he encountered the CIA. As is known in South Vietnam, CIA has many agents called "quiet Americans." They frequently change their puppets in Saigon in the hope of finding a South Vietnam premier suitable to them.

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